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Local Medical Group Seeks Improvement Of Services

Dr. W. A. Crockett, president of the newly chartered Terre Haute Medical Education Foundation, has said the creation of the foundation will enable the community to resolve many present problems caused by the shortage of doctors, interns, residents, medical students and other professional health personnel.

St. Anthony and Union Hospitals presently do not have internship and residency programs.

The foundation, aimed at improving the quality of medical care and enhancing the level of medical knowledge within Vigo County, has been established in cooperation with the Vigo County Medical Society, Terre Haute Academy of Medicine, Union Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital, Rose Polytechnic Institute, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and Indiana State University.

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The foundation will foster post-graduate medical education, develop intern and resident programs within the community, promote clinical research in medicine and other related fields and strengthen the Indiana Program for State-Wide Medical Education.

The group hopes to employ a full-time director of medical education to coordinate the programs in post-graduate medical education conducted by members of the medical staffs of St. Anthony and Union Hospitals.

To date, the foundation has received a $2,000 grant-in-aid under Senate Act 359, currently being used for the support of consulting services for post-graduate education.

According to Frank Crawford, local attorney and member of the board of directors, the foundation is a non-profit corporation which can receive gifts and bequests from persons interested in furthering medical and para-medical education in this community. It will also make application for grants under various state programs which support medical education and research.

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Serving with Dr. Crockett as officers are Dr. John A. Logan, president of Rose Poly, vice president; Sister Henrita, administrator of St. Anthony Hospital, treasurer, and Dr. Ludimere Lenyo, secretary.

Directors include Sister William Eyke, Frances Westrup, Dr. Alan C. Rankin, president of ISU; J. Kenneth Moulton, Joseph B. Mackey, William F. Bindley Sr., Dr. Arnold Kunkler, Dr. Edward M. Johnson, Dr. Fred W. Dierdorf, and Dr. Wilbur McIntosh.

Resident agent for the corporation is Robert S. Ratcliffe, attorney.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed with this communication you will find a copy of a news release prepared by Dr. E. M. Johnson, president of the Vigo County Medical Society, concerning comments published in your paper by Judge Joseph C. Anderson condeming the local medical community.

Sincerely yours,

WM. L. PURCELL,
Executive Secretary.

On May 31, 1973, your paper printed an article on the prevalence of the use and misuse of reducing drugs prescribed by the medical profession. In the article Judge C. Joseph Anderson was consistently quoted as stating that these drugs are being indiscriminately prescribed by the medical community to the detriment of the population.

It has consistently been the policy of the AMA, the ISMA, and the Vigo County Medical Society to condemn the use of these drugs as a means of weight reduction as not consistent with good medical practice. There are, of course, those situations in the practice of medicine where these drugs are medically indicated and used; but then only with careful medical superivsion.

In the past the Vigo County Medical Society and the ISMA has cooperated wholeheartedly with the legal authorities in the control of these hazardous drugs. In those cases which have been brought to our attention, we have done evertyhing in our power to discourage the misuse of these drugs and control their use.

In 1971 one of our members was deprived of medical license by the Medical License Board of the State of Indiana because of misuse of prescription drugs. This action was supported by the Vigo County Medical Society.

Approximately three months after the above action was taken, a restraining order was presented by Judge Anderson, preventing the revocation of the physician's license by the State of Indiana. Said physician is now practicing medicine in the state on the basis of the restraining order.

With these facts in mind, we as a society, would question Judge Anderson's sudden concern for the welfare of the people of the State of Indiana and would object to his wholesale condemnation of the medical profession as a group.

We find, as we have in the past, that a whole group of individuals can be indiscriminately condemned in the press for the actions of a few of the group. This condemnation is usually made by an individual seeking political or personal gain from the action. We would ask that if Judge Anderson has information of any physician in Vigo County violating the laws of the U.S., the State of Indiana, or local statues in regard to the illegal use of dangerous drugs, that these be brought to the attention of the proper authorities and our society rather than to the press. He will find that these violations will be dealt with by our society with firm action and complete coperation with the legal authorities.

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Vigo County Medical Society

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO DRAW UP RESOLUTIONS

Symposium of Papers Read at Meeting of Medical Society.

The Vigo County Medical society held a meeting last night in the Commercial club rooms. A symposium of papers on "Proprietary Medicines" was read by Doctors C. N. Coombs, D. W. Hebble and O. R. Spigler. Samples of proprietary medicines and equivalent pharmaceutics were exhibited. The committee on solicitation of funds for the San Francisco doctors was not ready to report, and it was held over until the next meeting. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions to Collier's, the Ladies' Home Journal, the Journal of the American Medical association, and the State Medical Journal.

The attendance was unusually good for the season.

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Bristol Heads State Family Physicians

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Dr. H. M. S. Bristol has been named president-elect of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians. The Terre Haute physician was chosen during a three-day meeting in Indianapolis which ended Friday.

In 1971, Dr. Bristol was awarded the State Medical Association's Physician's Community Service Award and has served as chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Terre Haute Chapter, United Negro College Fund and is presently a board member of the Charles T. Hyte Community Center.

Born in Guyana, South America, Dr. Bristol was graduated in 1955 from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He received his diploma of tropical medicine and hygiene from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He also is past chairman of the Good Neighbor Housing Improvement Association and present chairman of the Young Men's Civic Club.

Dr. Bristol is a director of the Fifth District Chapter of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians; a former chairman and member of the utilization review committee of St. Anthony Hospital; a former member of the executive committee and lay advisory board of the hospital and now a member of the Commission on Medical Economics of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He is a member of the board of the Katherine Hamilton Mental Health Center and the Indiana State University Foundation Board and a past president of the Vigo County Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

Dr. Bristol's professional affiliations include membership in the following medical organizations: The Terre Haute Academy of Medicine; the Vigo County Medical Association; the Indiana State Medical Association; the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians; the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Bristol is on the active staff at St. Anthony Hospital and was chief of staff there in 1970. He is on the courtesy staff at Union Hospital and he, his wife and son are members of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Terre Haute.

DR. H. M. S. BRISTOL

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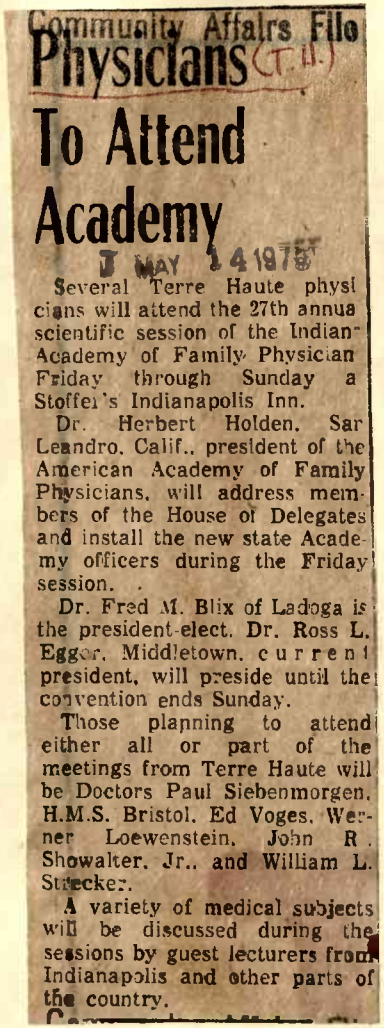

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To Attend Academy

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Several Terre Haute physicians will attend the 27th annual scientific session of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians Friday through Sunday at Stoffer's Indianapolis Inn.

Dr. Herbert Holden, San Leandro, Calif., president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, will address members of the House of Delegates and install the new state Academy officers during the Friday session.

Dr. Fred M. Blix of Ladoga is the president-elect. Dr. Ross L. Egger, Middletown, current president, will preside until the convention ends Sunday.

Those planning to attend either all or part of the meetings from Terre Haute will be Doctors Paul Siebenmorgen, H.M.S. Bristol, Ed Voges, Werner Loewenstein, John R. Showalter, Jr., and William L. Strecker.

A variety of medical subjects will be discussed during the sessions by guest lecturers from Indianapolis and other parts of the country.

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Medical School Graduates Lean Toward FP Practice

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By GLADYS SELTER
Star Staff Writer

A number of the younger men graduating from medical schools are leaning toward the family physician type of practice, according to Dr. H. M. S. Bristol, president-elect of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Bristol, Terre Haute physician who also is active in community affairs, was elected at the annual meeting last week of the Academy in Indianapolis.

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He told the Star Tuesday that the Academy is "encouraging this trend" and took action at the meeting to further this interest in family practice of medicine among the medical students.

The Academy's governing body, the House of Delegates, has consisted of representatives from the 13 geographical districts into which the state is divided, with Terre Haute being in District V.

The Academy's action instituted a 14th district for representatives of medical students throughout the state who have a definite interest in going into family practice, Dr. Bristol explained.

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These representatives will come from the 164 student affiliates of the Academy who also are members of the Family Practice Club which is open to all medical students interested. Currently there are 406 members in this club.

The student affiliates will elect three delegates and three alternates to the Academy as do the other districts and thus have a voice in Academy affairs, Dr. Bristol said.

The Family Practice Club meets eight to ten times annually in Indianapolis where the medical students will convene Thursday for a discussion of "The Indiana M.D. Shortage."

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Academy of Medicine celebrates

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By DOUG HUNT
Tribune Staff Writer

Originating in 1921 as an organization to unite the local medical profession, the Terre Haute Academy of Medicine is celebrating 60 years in the city.

The anniversary meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Grille Room of the Gasthaus Stephan.

Dr. John W. Jenne, professor of medicine at Loyola University Medical School, Veterans' Administration Hospital, will speak at 8 p.m. on "Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease - Diagnosis and Treatment - 1981."

Future meetings of the organization feature Myron Weinberger, Indianapolis physican, Feb. 5, on hypertensive agents; William Shubert, Cincinnati physician, March 5; and Eric Williams, Indianapolis physician, May 7, on calcium antagonists. The April meeting features a neurologist, which has not been confirmed yet.

The organization has 175 members and meeting announcements are sent to 200 physicians in the Wabash Valley.

Upon its founding, the purpose of the organization was described as "...the advancement of the scientific practice of medicine and surgery, and the promotion of post-graduate education by bringing before it the leading medical teachers of this country. It shall assist the medical societies in fostering a fraternal feeling among physicians regardless of color, race or creed and in elevating their ethical standards."

The first incorporators of the academy in 1921, who constituted the first directors, were F.H. Jett, J.H. Weinstein, W.D. Asbury, O.R. Spigler, C.N. Combs, George T. Johnson, A.M. Mitchell, Charles Wyeth, A.F. Knoefel, L.F. Barbazette, M.R. Combs and W.E. Stewart.

Since its beginning, the academy has been featuring leading medical educators from Boston to San Francisco and from New Orleans to Montreal to speak on medical advancements, Jack Weinbaum, current academy president, explained.

"Doctors are a serious group of individuals and have been doing an outstanding job in Vigo County for 60 years," A.W. Cavins, a past academy president and long-time member, said. He went on to add that membership has increased since the academy's founding.

Weinbaum and Cavins both agreed that the organization does not include just medical specialities, but a broad spectrum of medicine, with invitations extended to all physicians to attend meetings.

The only time the academy has not been active was during World War II, when many doctors were "kept too busy for meetings."

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Local Doctors Re-elected to National AAGP

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Special) —Three Terre Haute doctors have been re-elected to active membership in the American Academy of General Practice, the national association of family doctors.

The doctors re-elected: Robert L. Meissel, M.D., Roy V. Pearce, M.D., Paul Siebenmorgan, M.D.

Re-election significes that the physician has successfully completed 150 hours of acredited postgraduate medical study in the last three years. Members become eligible for re-election at the end of the third year following their election to membership. The Academy, the country's second largest national medical association, is the only national medical group that requires members to keep up with medical progress through continuing education.

The Academy, founded in 1947 and headquartered in Kanasas City, Mo., has been instrumental in the establishment of a new primary medical specialty in family practice. The new specialty is expected to increase the numbers of family physicians avaliable to serve the public in the future. The Academy's postgraduate education program is the foundation of eligibility for family doctors now in practice who apply for certification in the new specialty.

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Medical review double-checks doctors' work

By F.I. GOLDHABER
Tribune-Star Staff Writer

Medicare can give an unethical physician a license to steal.

That's the theory behind the Indiana Medical Review Organization Inc., which wants to take away that license.

Indiana Medical Review, a private not-for-profit corporation, reviews Medicare patient records in 10 area facilities. It was formed in 1974 as Indiana Area VI Professional Standards Review Organization.

About half the physicians in nine area counties belong to the organization. Participating facilites include Terre Haute Regional and Union hospitals, Hamilton Center, Vermillion County Hospital, Clay County Hospital, Sullivan's Mary Sherman Hospital, Greene County General, Bloomington Hospital, Bedford Medical Center and Bedford's Dunn Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Richard Hawkins, Bedford, is the one who said Medicare and Medicaid "have given the physician a right to steal." He chairs the physicians' review committee of Indiana Medical Review.

"I've had my eyes opened tremendously in the last three or four years" about the unethical practices by physicians treating Medicare patients, Hawkins said. What he found out was "just absolutely shocking to me."

Physicians determine when Medicare patients are admitted to hospitals, what treatment they receive, and how long they stay, Hawkins said. The government gets the bill.

Many patients are kept in hospitals much longer than necessary, Hawkins said, a "robbery of the taxpayers."

Even if the hospital stay is found unnecessary and the Medicare reimbursement refused, it is the hospital that is penalized, Hawkins said. The physician always is paid.

The patient suffers too, from unnecessary hospitalization, Hawkins believes.

"This is not good medicine," he said. "This is poor patient care."

Since Indiana Medical Review began reviewing cases, the average length of stay for Medicare and Medicaid patients has been reduced by a full day, according to Phil Morphew, executive director. The corporation no longer reviews Medicaid cases.

"This organization is doing a job for the citizenry that's really a necessity," Hawkins said. What Indiana Medical Review "can do and has done is just amazing."

Hawkins was not one of the first physicians to join the organization. Although he says he always has favored peer review for physicians, he did not support a federally funded review organization.

Peer review has been "sadly lacking in the medical profession," Hawkins said. He believes review of physicians by physicians is "absolutely a must for the future of medicine."

But at the atime Hawkins believed the government should not be the agency which forced the profession to police itself. A government-funded review organization would increase costs "as most governmental things do," he believed.

But Indiana Medical Review has been successful

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in cutting costs and improving quality of care, Hawkins said.

He still believes the organization could and should accomplish these goals without using tax money. His philosophy is supported by the Reagan administration; Indiana Medical Review's budget has been relieved of about $100,000 in federal funding, and the agency now has only about $300,000 to work with for fiscal year 1983, Morphew said.

One change resulting from the budget cuts, Morphew said, will be the way Medicare cases are reviewed. Previously, cases were reviewed while patients still were in the hospital and if the review indicated patients no longer needed to be hospitalized, they were sent home.

Now medical records are reviewed after the patient has been discharged, he said, a process which is not as costly, but may be as effective. The physicians' review committee determines from the charts which practices might have extended unnecessarily patients' stay. The attending physicians are notified so they can change those practices, Morphew said.

In addition to performing the review function for the federal government, Indiana Medical Review, does studies and collects and analyzes data for member hospitals, Morphew said.

Studies are done with the assistance and cooperation of hospital staffs, Morphew said. Currently, for example, a study on X-ray retakes is in progress. Results should help hospitals save money by cutting down on the number of X-rays that must be retaken, Morphew said.

Information provided to the review organization is confidential, Morphew said. Data collected from the 10 facilities is collated and returned without damage to the confidentiality, he said.

The confidential feedback "helps them look at themselves in comparison to other facilities," Morphew said. "I think that's helpful to the hospitals."

Not all area physicians support Indiana Medical Review organization's efforts to control costs and improve health care.

Dr. Burton E. Scherb, Terre Haute ophthalmologist, believes the organization is just another government agency.

"I just don't believe in that kind of governmental control," Scherb said. "The government is trying to get something for nothing."

Scherb believes the government wants "to control medicine, control people, control health care." Physician review is "one way (for the government) to get out of paying ... for medical services," he said.

Although Indiana Medical Review is federally funded, the staff takes orders from the physicians on the board not from the U.S. government, Morphew said.

The seven full-time staffers and several part-timers must follow government regulations, Morphew said, but "the doctors really do call the shots."

"I think we have saved some money for Uncle Sam and ourselves ... as taxpayers," said Dr. William L. Strecker, Terre Haute, membership president. The organization was formed, Strecker said, because local physicians realized the government was going to authorize some organization to review Medicare and Medicaid cases. They preferred that review be performed by medical practitioners.

No matter how much money is saved, the biggest part of any peer review is quality control, according to Dr. Betty J. Dukes, Sullivan, board chairman of the board.

Money definitely is saved, she said, but peer review also "upgrades health care for everyone."

Because peer review has been so effective in reducing costs to the government for Medicare patients, private third-party payers have expressed interest in utilizing the review to reduce health care costs on a larger scale, according to Morphew.

"We're a long way from private review, yet," Morphew said, but "it's going to come to Indiana." Morphew has been contacted already by some corporations and insurance representatives interested in contracting for review of patient costs, he said.

Private contracts could be one way to finance the organization as its federal budget is cut, he said.